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Articles to

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England,
Fraunce, and Irelande,
Queene, defendour
of the fayth. &c.

Anno domini. 1559.

First, whether anye Parson, Vicar, or Curate, be resident continuallye vppon his benefice, doyng his duetie in preachyng, readyng, and duely ministring the holy Sacramentes. 1 Residencie.

Item, whether in theyr Churches & Chappels, al images, shrynes, al tables, candelsticks, trindelles, and rolles of ware, pyctures, payntings, and all other monumentes of faigned and false myracles, pylgrimages, idolatrie, and superstition, be remoued, abolished, and destroyed. 2 Falsemyracles

Item, whether they doo not euery holye day when they haue no Sermon, immediatly after the Gospel, openlye, playnely, and distinctlye, rehearse to their parishioners in the pulpyt the Lords prayer, the beleefe, and the ten commaundementes in Englishe. 3 The Lordes prayer.

Item, whether they doo charge fathers and mothers, maisters, and gouernours of youth, to bryng them vp in some vertuous studie and occupation. 4 To bryng vp youth.

Curates. 5 Item, whether ſuche benefyced men, as be lawfully abſent from theyr benefyces, do leaue theyr cures to a rude and vnlearned perſon, and not to an honeſt, wel learned, and expert Curate, whiche can and wyll teache you wholſome doctrine.

Reading the ſcripture. 6 Item, whether they do diſcourage any perſon from readyng of any part of the Byble, eyther in Latine or Engliſhe, and do not rather comforte and exhort euery perſon to reade the ſame at conuenient tymes, as the very lyuely worde of God, and the ſpecial foode of mans ſoule.

Tauernes and games. 7 Item, whether Parſons, Vicars, Curates, and other miniſters, be common haunters and reſorters to Tauernes or Alehouſes, geuyng themſelues to drynkyng, ryotyng, and playing at vnlawful games, and do not occuppe themſelues in the readyng or hearyng of ſome part of holye ſcripture, or in ſome other godly exerciſe.

Preachers. 8 Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in their cures, not beyng lawfully licenced therevnto, or haue ben licenced accordingly.

Superſtition. 9 Item, whether they vſe to declare to theyr paryſhioners, any thyng to the extollyng or ſettyng forth of vayne and ſuperſtitious religion, pilgrimages, reliques, or images, or lighting of can-

candels, kissing, kneeling, or decking of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or register kept, wherein they wryte the day of euery wedding, christening, and burying. 10 Register.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maiestie, and Ministers, and to charitie and loue one to another. 11 Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admonished their parishioners, that they ought not to presume to receiue the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, before they can say perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the fayth, and the ten commaundementes in Englishe. 12 The Sacrament.

Item, whether they be resident vpon their benefices, & keepe hospitalitie, or no. And if they be absent, and kepe no hospitalitie, whether they do relieue their parishioners, & what they geue thē. 13 Hospitalitie.

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, Vicars, and Clarkes, hauyng Churches, Chappels, and Mansions, do keepe their Chauncelles, Rectories, Vicarages, and al other houses appartenyng to them, in due reparations. 14 Reparations.

Item, whether they do counsaile or moue their parishioners rather to pray in a tongue not knowen, then in Englishe, or put their trust in anye cer- 15 Prayer in Englishe

certayne number of prayers, as in saying ouer a
Beades. number of Beades, or other lyke.

16 Item, whether they haue receiued anye per-
Diffamed per-sons. sons to the Communion, beyng openly knowen to be out of charitie with theyr neighbours, or diffamed with anye notorious cryme, and not reformed.

17 Item, whether they haue prouided, and haue
Poore mens boxe. a strong chest for the poore mens boxe, and set and fastened the same in a place of the Churche, moste conuenient.

18 Item, whether they haue diligently called vp-
Testament. on, exhorted, and mooued theyr parishioners, and especially when they make their testamentes, to geue to the sayd poore mens boxe, and to bestowe that vpon the poore, whiche they were woont to bestowe vpon pylgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other lyke blynde deuotions.

19 Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the
Sycke. Buryall. sycke, or burie the dead, beyng brought to the Churche.

20 Item, whether they haue bought theyr be-
Symonie. nefices, or come to them by fraude, guile, deceite, or symonie.

21 Item, whether they haue geuen open moni-
Adulterers. tion to theyr parishioners, to detecte and present

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to their Ordinary, al adulterers, & fornicatours, and suche men as haue two wyues lyuyng within their paryshes.

Item, whether they haue monished theyr parishioners openly, that they shoulde not sell, geue, nor otherwyse alienate any of theyr Churche goodes. 22 Churche goodes.

Item, whether they or any of them doo keepe mo benifices and other Ecclesiasticall promotions then they ought to do, not hauyng sufficient licences and dispensations thereunto, and howe many they be, and theyr names. 23 Many benefices.

Item, whether they minister the holy Communion any otherwyse then only after suche fourme and maner as it is set foorth by the common aucthoritie of the Quenes Maiestie and the Parliament. 24 Communion.

Item, whether you knowe any person within your Paryshe or els where, that is a letter of the worde of God to be read in Englyshe, or sincerely preached in place and tymes conuenient. 25 Letters of the worde or preaching.

Item, whether in the tyme of the Letanye, or any other common prayer, in the tyme of the Sermon or Homilie, and when the Priest readeth the Scriptures to the Parishioners, anye person haue departed out of the Churche, without iuste and necessarye cause, or disturbe the 26 Goers out of the Churche.

Minister

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27 Church money. Item, whether the money commyng and ryſyng of any cattell, or other moueable ſtockes of the churche, and money geuen and bequeathed to the fyndyng of Torches, lyghtes, Tapers, or Lampes, not payde out of any landes, haue not ben employed to the poore mens cheſt.

28 Keepers of the Church money. Item, who hath the ſayde ſtockes and money in their handes, and what be their names.

29 Contempt of Prieſtes. Item, whether any indiſcrete perſon doo vncharitably contemne & abuſe Prieſtes and Miniſters of the Churche.

30 The Kinges Grammer. Item, whether there be any other Grammer taught in any ſchole within this Dioceſſe, then that which is ſet foorth by the aucthoritie of king Henry the eyght.

31 The tyme of ſeruice. Item, whether the ſeruice of the church be done at due and conuenient houres.

32 Talkers in the Churche. Item, whether any haue vſed to commune, iangle, and talke in the church in the time of the prayer, readyng of the Homilie, preachyng, readyng or declaryng of the ſcripture.

33 Hereſies. Item, whether any haue wylfully maynteyned and defended any hereſies, errours, or falſe opinions, contrary to the faith of Chriſt and holy ſcripture.

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Item, whether anye be common drunkardes, swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. 34 Drunkardes.

Item, whether anye haue committed adulterie, fornication, or incest, or be common bawdes, or receyuers of suche euyl persons, or vehemently suspected of any of the premisses. 35 Adulterers.

Item, whether any be brawlers, slaunderers, chyders, scolders, and sowers of discorde betwene one person and an other. 36 Brawlers.

Item, whether you knowe any that doo vse charmes, sorceries, enchauntmentes, inuocations, circles, witchcrafts, soothsaying, or any like craftes or imaginations inuented by the deuyll, and specially in the tyme of womens trauayle. 37 Sorcerers.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpyttes, and other necessaries apparteynyng to the same, be sufficiently repayred, and yf they be not, in whose default the same is. 38 Pulpyttes.

Item, whether you knowe anye, that in contempt of their owne paryshe Churche, doo resort to any other Churche. 39 Resorters to other Churches

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehouse kepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and drinke in the time of common prayer, preaching, reading of the Homilies, or scripture. 40 Inholders.

Deuorse. 41 Item, whether you knowe anye to be maried within the degrees prohibited by the lawes of God, or that be separated or deuorced without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any such haue maryed agayne.

Priuie contractes. 42 Item, whether you knowe any to haue made priuie contracts of matrimonie, not calling two or moe witnesses thereunto, nor hauyng thereto the consent of theyr parentes.

Banes. 43 Item, whether they haue married solemnely, the banes not fyrst lawfully asked.

Executours. 44 Item, whether you knowe any executours, or administratours of dead mens goodes, whiche doo not only bestowe suche of the sayde goodes, as were geuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be distributed among the poore people, repayring of high wayes, fynding of poore scollers, or marrying of poore maydens, or such other like charitable deedes.

Images. 45 Item, whether you knowe any that keepe in theyr houses any vndefaced Images, Tables, Pyctures, Payntynges, or other Monumentes of faigned and false myracles, pylgrimages, idolatrie, and superstition, and do adore them, and specially such as haue ben set vp in Churches, Chappels, or Oratories.

Bookes. 46 Item, what bookes of Gods Scripture you haue

haue delyuered to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed, and to whom ye haue delyuered the same.

Item, what bribes the accusers, promoters, persecuters, Ecclesiastical Judges, and other the Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall Diocesse of this Realme, haue receyued by themselues or other, of those persons whiche were in trouble, apprehended, or imprisoned for religion. 47 Bribes.

Item, what goodes moueable, landes, fees, offices, or promotions, hath ben wrongfully taken away in the tyme of Queene Maries raigne, from anye person whiche fauoured the religion nowe set foorth. 48 Losse of goodes.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue died by fyre, famine, or otherwise, or haue ben imprisoned for the same. 49 Howe manye burnt.

Item, that you make a true presentment of the number of al the persons whiche dyed within your parishes, sithen the feast of Saint John the Baptist, which was in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, fyue hundred, fyftie, and eyght, vnto the same feast last past: makyng therein a playne distincte declaration, howe many men, women, and men chyldren the same were, and the names of the men. 50 Certificate of the dead.

Item, whether you knowe any man in your 51 Secret Masses

parishe, secretly, or in vnlawfull conuentiels, say, or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the lawe.

52 Item, whether you knowe any person in your parysh, to be a slaunderer of his neyghbours, or a sower of discord betweene partie and partie, man and wife, parentes & their children, or that hath inuented, bruited, or set forth any rumours, false and seditious tales, slaunders, or makers, bryngers, byers, sellers, kepers, or conueyghers of any vnlawful bokes, which might stirre and prouoke sedition, or mainteine superstitious seruice within this realme, or any ayders, counsaylers, procurers, or maynteyners thereunto.

False rumors.

Vnlawfull bookes

53 Item, whether the Church of your parishe be nowe vacant or no, who is the patrone thereof, howe long it hath ben vacant, who doth receyue the tithes, oblations, and other commodities during the tyme of the vacation, and by what authoritie, and in what estate the sayde Churche is at this time, and howe long the Parson or Vicar hath had that Benefice.

Patrone. Tythes. Vacation.

54 Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other persons, doo vse to sing or say any songues, or dities that be vile or vncleane, and specially in derision of any godly order nowe set forth and established.

Minstrelles.

55 Item, whether the Letanie in Englishe, with the

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the Epistle & Gospel, which was by the Queenes hyghnesse Proclamation wylled to be read to the people, were put in vse in your Churches, and yf not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curates and Ministers do leysurely, playnely, and distinctly reade the publique Prayers, Chapters, and Homilies, as they ought to doo. 56 Distinct reading.

God saue the Queene.

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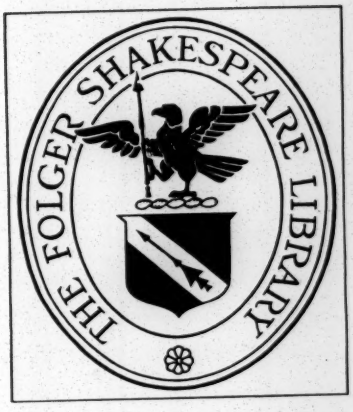
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